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## New fitness center opens today



Randolph's long-awaited, state-of-the-art fitness center opens today at 10 a.m. The festivities, which begin with unveiling the dedication plaque and a ribbon cutting ceremony, include various contests and prize giveaways. For a complete story with photos, see pages 12 and 13. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

## DTRA visits, conducts threat assessment

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio  
Wingspread editor

A team of specialists from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency will arrive at Randolph Sunday to conduct a week-long Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment.

The team's goal is to identify vulnerabilities and to provide commanders with recommendations on how to eliminate or minimize the risk of terrorist activity, said Mance Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing antiterrorism officer and threat assessment coordinator.

"Members of the team may approach people on base at random and ask them questions about topics such as the installation force protection condition," said Mr. Clark. "Each team member will have

a readily identifiable badge for immediate verification."

According to DTRA officials, the team members will look at several key areas during the visit, each focusing on their area of specialty.

A terrorist operations specialist will evaluate current threats to the base and force protection condition operations. They will also evaluate the threat assessment process and operations security.

Security operations specialists will collect information through interviews with key physical security and force protection personnel. They will review Randolph security operational plans, personal protection procedures and security forces manning, training and equipment.

A structural engineer will work

with base engineers and planners, to perform a quantitative analysis of selected facilities. An infrastructure engineer will focus on the potential for terrorist incidents involving fires and base utilities and environmental programs, stated officials.

DTRA team members will also evaluate Randolph preparedness to respond appropriately to a terrorist attack involving a number of different scenarios.

"The team is here to help us make the base as safe as possible," said Mr. Clark. "Once the assessment is complete, base organizations can take the input and use it to improve their programs and to help train their people."

For more information on the DTRA or JISVA, call Mr. Clark at 652-1357.

## Services vies for LeMay

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Services Division is now one of six bases Air Force-wide in the final running for the coveted Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award large unit category.

Having placed first in the 2006 Air Education and Training Command services competition, the unit is ready to show the team of Air Force inspectors visiting Tuesday through Feb. 10 why they should be named best in the Air Force.

"This visit gives us the opportunity to show our stuff," said Terrye Heagerty, 12th Services Division director. "Putting our accomplishments on paper is one thing but to actually show the evaluators, first hand, the level of customer service we provide, the superior programs and facilities we operate, and the awesome team of employees we have, will definitely take us to the next level."

During their stay, the inspection team will visit all of the 12th Services Division's programs and facilities from the new Rambler Fitness Center, base clubs, dining facility, bowling center and outdoor recreation to the child development center, golf course, honor guard and Randolph Recreation area at Canyon Lake.

As part of the inspection, the team looks at customer service, the programs offered, management, the facilities themselves, equipment and leadership, which combine for 70 percent of the overall score. The other 30 percent is based on the Air Force customer satisfaction survey results.

"I can truly say I have never seen such a professional, dedicated services team and I am proud to be part of it," said Ms. Heagerty. "This team works hard every day and this year we have taken that work up a notch by introducing new programs, improving customer service and updating many facilities."

"Winning will validate what we already know... Randolph Services is a world class operation serving world class customers."



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## Airmen to see combat medal in April

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

Since the Air Force started manning convoy operations in support of the war on terror, more Airmen have had an opportunity to put their rifle training to use in real-world scenarios.

Today, explosive ordnance disposal and security forces Airmen, along with those performing in-lieu-of taskings, have joined battlefield Airmen working "outside the wire" in Iraq and Afghanistan and are regularly involved in combat situations as part of their duty...all alongside their fellow Airmen that continue to engage in daily combat,



delivering decisive effects from the air.

"We are a warfighting Air Force," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "Our Airmen are doing amazing things in combat operations every single day, both within their core competencies as Airmen, delivering those effects from the air and now on the surface as part of the joint fight."

It is for those Airmen involved in combat operations, on the ground and in the air, that the Air Force has created the Air Force

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**Wing Warrior Run takes place Feb. 9. See page 14 for details**



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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark

12th Flying Training Wing commander



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12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

## Learn to appreciate what you have

By Lt. Col. Chuck Metrolis  
31st Rescue Squadron commander

Is it just me, or does there appear to be an increased amount of complaining coming from the American populous?

Like most Americans, I get my news from the television, radio or print media, and lately all I get is a lot of negativity about how bad someone's life really is.

I'll be the first to admit there were times when I was right there with the complainers. I can remember as a child, teenager and young Airman complaining about the tribulations in my life, that to me were paramount, but in reality were more or less inconveniences. I was sure to complain if I didn't make it to lunch on time, get enough sleep or have enough money.

Education and experience, both of which came with age, taught me to reflect on life and truly appreciate the good fortune I had. One of the tools that helped me appreciate my surroundings was to compare my perceived woes to those around me. My eyes became open to the true problems many face in the world. When many of us feel like we have a legitimate gripe, just think about the examples below. Maybe we don't have it that bad after all.

Ever feel like you are bored because you have nothing to do or no one to do it with? Just think about former Navy Lieutenant Everett Alvarez Jr. He was shot down over North Vietnam on Aug. 5, 1964. He endured eight-and-a-half years of brutal captivity, while spending more than one year of this time in solitary confinement. He was not freed until April 1973.

Ever hear people complaining about how hungry they are because they are late for lunch? Think back a few years ago to those young U.S. Marines pushing toward Baghdad along a 300-mile invasion route. They were advancing so quickly they left much of their resupply structure in their wake. This forced many to eat only one MRE per day for about a week. Eating one meal a day is tough, but think about doing this while sprinting in full gear, in the spring heat of Iraq while being used for target practice.

Think you are inconvenienced because you have to sit in

*"We should look at our own inconveniences through a different lens, and see how our problems look from different perspectives. We may see that our problems pale in comparison to many around us."*

that middle seat on an airliner? Just do a little research on what the African slaves had to endure on an eight-week oceanic trip from Africa to the Colonies in the 1700s, or what Jewish Holocaust survivors experienced while being transported by rail to concentration camps during World War II. Somehow our middle seat doesn't even compare to being stacked like cord wood.

I'm sure many of you have heard spouses complain during PCS moves, wondering how he or she will fit 15,000 pounds of household goods into their 2,500 square foot home. Right now the 1,000,000 people in Southeast Asia left homeless by the 2004 tsunami would love to have that same problem.

Upset because you look in your closet and have nothing to wear? There are hundreds of thousands of your fellow Americans relying on charity, gifts or handouts because they lost everything during Hurricane Katrina.

Are you really upset because you don't think you make enough money? Try watching the recent film "Cinderella Man". You will see how boxing legend James J. Braddock provided for a family of five during the Depression Era. Trust me, there were thousands more like him who had it even worse.

I know we as Americans will always complain about something. This is one of our inalienable rights our forefathers fought and died for. However, we should look at our own inconveniences through a different lens, and see how our problems look from different perspectives. We may see that our problems pale in comparison to many around us. In fact, we may seize the opportunity to seek change or help those less fortunate.

We recently celebrated the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We should reflect upon a great individual who had much to complain about, but instead sought to better the lives of all Americans.

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## What ever happened to personal accountability?

By Lt. Col. Sheila Robinson  
9th Medical Support Squadron commander

We are living in a society where it is so easy to blame someone else for bad things that happen to us. In an effort to become a gentler, kinder Air Force, I believe we have lost the essence of personal accountability.

Recently 9th Medical Group officials have seen an increase in the number of Airmen arrested for driving while under the influence and for testing positive for drugs. It is difficult for the them to understand why Airmen are still having problems with alcohol-related incidents and drug use when it has been emphasized that there is a no tolerance policy, and education is stressed frequently through the "0-0-1-3," "Don't Drink and Drive," and the "Just Say No" campaigns.

Marketing of the no tolerance policy and these campaigns happens at every opportunity such as commander's calls, on flyers plastered around the base and on cards and trinkets issued to Airmen at several different venues.

So why do we still have Airmen who choose to drink and drive and do drugs despite a culture that preaches these activities are not compatible with being an Airman in the Air Force?

When does the individual become accountable for those choices?

We live in a society where individuals demand to be recognized for doing nothing more than the job they are paid to do, but refuse to accept accountability for bad choices or mistakes they make.

It is easier for individuals to create an excuse or blame someone else for their bad choice or mistake rather than take personal responsibility. It takes a greater person to accept responsibility for his or her actions and be able to sincerely say it was "my fault" or "my bad" and move on and learn from the mistake or bad choice.

As leaders, we have become complacent in demanding more of our Airmen and of ourselves. Senior leaders are afraid to correct individuals who are not meeting standards just to avoid conflict.

As leaders, how can we expect an individual to be responsible when we are failing to hold him or her accountable?

My organization's leaders decided to conduct a mandatory commander's call in an effort to generate discussion and provide possible solutions to combat our recent series of alcohol-related incidents and drug use. Although many felt to conduct this commander's call after hours was a form of punishment, the goal

was to have the entire group come up with new ideas and recommendations on how to resolve these issues.

During this commander's call, small groups were formed and the issues were to be addressed by rank.

The Airmen discussed ways unit leaders could help them desire to follow the no tolerance policy. They were to develop a contingency plan when they participate in high-risk activities.

NCOs and first-line supervisors discussed how to talk to the Airmen about being responsible and reinforcing the Airmen's plan.

Senior NCOs and officers discussed leading by example and holding individuals accountable.

After great interaction, my take-away from the meeting was that the Airmen wanted more discipline, accountability and to work in an environment that encourages and fosters excellence. Alcohol over-indulgence and drug use are choices.

As we draw down our forces, we cannot continue to spend our time and resources on individuals who make bad choices and engage in activities that are not compatible with the Air Force.

Airmen want to be held accountable for their choices. As leaders, we should hold them accountable for their personal choices.



# \$50 million Center for the Intrepid opens at Fort Sam Houston

By Rich Lamance  
Air Force Print News

An aircraft carrier that sparked the spirits of a nation following the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor during the dark, early days of World War II has become the namesake of the world's most technologically advanced rehabilitation center for amputees and burn victims unveiled during an emotional-packed ceremony at Fort Sam Houston on Monday.

The Center for the Intrepid, a four-story, 65,000 square-foot facility adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center and two new Fisher Houses were officially opened during a two-hour dedication ceremony.

Senators Hillary Clinton and John McCain, along with the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Peter M. Pace, the Honorable Gordon England, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey and Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Honorable R. James Nicholson, made remarks during the dedication.

More than 3,200 guests included senior military leaders, major contributors, many of the injured service members from Brooke Army Medical Center and several celebrities that included Rosie O'Donnell, Michelle Pfeiffer, with a performance by John Mellencamp.

"We are here to dedicate, not a memorial, but a monument to the determination and courage of the steadfast men and women who serve selflessly," said Bill White, president of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, and master of ceremonies for the dedication.

"It is a day of destiny, because it demonstrates forever the commitment of the American community to honor those who serve the twin pillars of freedom and democracy without regard to politics, personality or personal gain. This \$50 million 'state-of-the-world' physical rehabilitation center - all privately funded - is the largest single private contribution to our nation's wounded warriors in the history of our country."

The center will provide traumatic amputee patients, burn patients requiring advanced rehabilitation and

*"There are those who speak about you who say, 'he lost an arm, he lost a leg, she lost her sight... I object. You gave your arm. You gave your leg. You gave your sight. As gifts to your nation. That we might live in freedom."*

Gen. Peter Pace  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



(Photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen)

those requiring limb salvage efforts with techniques and training to help them regain their ability to live and work productively.

The center's main departments include the military performance lab, occupational therapy, physical therapy, prosthetics, case management and behavioral medicine. Much of the technology found in the new center can't be found anywhere else in the world.

A Gait Lab is fitted with 24 cameras on an automated truss which use infrared light to analyze human motion. A computer assisted environment, called CAREN, is a 21-foot simulated dome with a 300-degree screen that immerses patients using sensors and high-speed infrared cameras and a moving platform that reacts to the patients' movements.

According to Army Maj. Stuart Campbell, officer-in-charge of the physical therapy department, the center has a huge advantage where prosthetic fitting is concerned. The third floor of the center provides patients with prosthetic fitting, physical therapy and a gym, within the same area.

"If this was a civilian facility, a patient would be fitted with a prosthetic device, go to physical therapy at another location, work out in a gym and return to the get the prosthesis adjusted. Here it's all done on one floor."

In the area of occupational therapy, the center focuses on restoring health and function following serious injury or illness. At the Center for the Intrepid,

a fully furnished apartment has been created to give patients a real-world environment to practice everyday skills.

According to Capt. Florie Gonzales, an occupational therapist with the center, the apartment is equipped with a computer workstation with state-of-the-art voice recognition, a fully equipped kitchen and bath and a comfortable living room that completely takes them out of the hospital environment.

In addition to a daily living apartment, patients have a virtual driving simulator that helps them learn to adjust to driving without limbs in a virtual setting that parallels real driving experiences. Patients can also quantify their ability to qualify with weapons, using a Firearms Training Simulator that puts them on a 'virtual range' using 9 mm and M-4 replicas.

Other 'state-of-the-world' strengthening and physical therapy tools include a treadwall and a 21-foot climbing tower, a track, and a natorium with a six-lane pool. A Flowrider is similar to a wave machine that helps promote balance, strength, motivation and confidence.

"What you see before you is a monument built by the contributions of 600,000 Americans - kids who gave pennies...and mothers and fathers who just wanted to say thank you," said Mr. Arnold Fisher, Chairman of the Board for the Intrepid Museum

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# Vietnam War veteran shares courageous story

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

His eyes welled up with emotion as he recalled yet another tale of hardship... the day his father passed away.

"I got there just one minute after he passed," he said. "One minute! But I walked in that room and there was my wife laid across him with her ear to his heart.

"He just passed,' she said, 'but I was there for both of us and he knew that,'" he recalled with a single tear making its way down his face.

Now in his sixties and having undergone a lifetime of hardship and discrimination that stems back to a horrific accident during the Vietnam War, Dr. Dave Roever has found a way to turn the bad into good and help others in the military community.

"My father didn't want me to be there with him when he was on his death bed," he said. "He thought my talking with the troops was more important."

Dr. Roever continues to fulfill his dad's wish to this day as he did recently on a visit to Randolph Air Force Base. Hundreds of Airmen and civilians gathered into the base theater Wednesday to hear his tales of hardship, endurance, hope and survival as so many others have across the world.

The doctor's career as a public speaker stems back to his days of fighting in the Vietnam War and one day in particular.

"It was about eight months into the war that it happened," Dr. Roever recalled.

Serving in the Navy as a riverboat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret, it was at the exact moment that he geared back to throw a phosphorus grenade that a sniper shot off a round that



**Dr. Dave Roever, a Vietnam War veteran, points to the area of Vietnam he was stationed at while serving in the Navy. (Photo by Mellissa Peterson)**

detonated the weapon in his hand. The explosion left him burned beyond recognition.

"It's amazing I'm alive today," he said. Dr. Roever was hospitalized for 14 months and underwent 15 major surgeries on his road to recovery. Looking back, he remembered how the combination of both the physical and emotional pain seemed at times more than he could bear.

"It's hard to describe just what an experience like that can do to a person," he said. "Never before had family, faith and friends been so important."

He recalled how hard it was just to be a Vietnam War veteran, let alone living with the trauma of his injuries.

"The American public didn't treat veterans the way they do today," he said. "There were no welcome home parties and yellow ribbons

showing support for the troops. "There was only hatred toward us. I can't help but be moved every time I pass through an airport and see veterans returning from the war. Everyone gathers around to welcome them and thank them for their service. There is so much love and appreciation."

It was after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 that Dr. Roever started traveling and speaking to military members more frequently.

Since then he has visited various locations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Turkey and the United States.

"I try to get across a message of endurance," he said. "Look at what happened to me and yet here I am today traveling around the world. Even in the worst of accidents, you can survive. Emotionally and spiritually I've never been stronger."

Dr. Roever is also in the process of starting a school for veterans who were disfigured during the war and are interested in a career in pubic speaking.

The school, which is located at Eagles Summit Ranch near Westcliffe, Colo., includes two weeks of study at the ranch, followed by an online course and one public speaking event. The students will also earn college credit for the course, which is awarded through Southwestern University, he said.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested," he said. "Many people are surprised that a person can make a good living from a career in public speaking. But you can and it's my mission to supply those veterans interested with the knowledge and skills necessary to do so."

For more information about the course, visit Dr. Roever's Web site at [www.daveroever.org](http://www.daveroever.org) and click on "eagle summit ranch."



# AF to implement second DOS rollback

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

The Air Force has adjusted its force-shaping numbers in response to better-than-expected retention rates in fiscal year 2006.

In a message released Friday, officials said the Air Force must cut 3,090 Airmen by Sept. 30 in order to meet this year's force shaping goals.

The Air Force will use three personnel programs to help meet the goal. Those programs involve an extension of the limited active duty service commitment, or LADSC, waiver for technical and master sergeants to retire, a second wave of date-of-separation rollbacks, and a limited number of LADSC waivers for Airmen with 6 to 11 years of service in some career fields to voluntarily separate.

Last year, the Air Force offered LADSC waivers for some master and technical sergeants. The waivers

allowed those Airmen to retire earlier than normal. But so far, only 524 Airmen had been approved for that program, short of the Air Force's goal. In response, the window to apply for the program has been extended. Airmen may now apply for this program until April 30, but they must choose a retirement date that is no later than Sept. 1, 2007.

The Air Force will conduct a second round of DOS rollbacks. Under this program, some Airmen will be separated from the service earlier than they expected. Airmen who have less than 14 years of service or more than 20 years of service, and who are currently serving on a control roster, have declined retainability for an assignment, have declined training or are serving suspended punishment pursuant to an Article 15, can be selected for the DOS rollback.

The DOS rollback program will give many Airmen a new separation date

of Aug. 1, 2007. Airmen from all Air Force specialty codes can be affected by this program.

Finally, the Air Force is offering LADSC waivers to Airmen in certain career fields who have more than six but less than 11 years of service. Under this program, the Air Force will waive an Airman's service commitment so he or she may separate early. A limited number of waivers will be granted, and Airmen who elect to participate in the program must choose a separation date of Sept. 29, 2007 or earlier.

Airmen in 23 control Air Force specialty codes are eligible for the LADSC waiver separation program: 2A0X1A, 2A0X1C, 2A6X1A, 2E1X1, 2E2X1, 2E6X2, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T3X5, 3A0X1, 3C0X1, 3C0X2, 3C2X1, 3E0X1, 3S0X1, 3V0X1, 4P0X1, 4T0X1, 4Y0X1, 6F0X1 and 8M0X0. (AFNEWS)

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### Board opening

The 12th Mission Support Group commander is seeking volunteers to fill two vacancies on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees. In accordance with Texas law, all applicants must be a military member or a civilian who resides or works on Randolph.

Applications can be picked up at the 12th MSG commander's office and must be submitted by Feb. 21.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Vince Feck at 652-1205.

### Records management

All Randolph active duty personnel now have access to the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) through the "ARMS member" link on <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/>. Members can view personnel and permanent records to include promotion records for senior NCOs and officers through the system. The Military Personnel Flight will no longer house members unit personnel record groups.

For access assistance, e-mail [arms.conversion@randolph.af.mil](mailto:arms.conversion@randolph.af.mil).

### Chief recognition ceremony

The Randolph Chiefs Group hosts the 2007 Chief Recognition Ceremony today starting at 6 p.m. at the River Center Marriott Hotel in San Antonio.

For more information, contact the following: Air Force Recruiting Service, Chief Master Sgt. Osborne at 665-0553; 19th Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Rice, 652-3122; AETC, Chief Master Sgt. Schloemer, 652-7754; 12th Flying Training Wing, Chief Master Sgt. Heyward, 652-7493; Air Force Personnel Center, Chief Master Sgt. Lawson, 565-3491.

### Tuskegee meeting

The San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. hosts its monthly meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the enlisted club. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, visit the chapter Web site [www.sactai.com](http://www.sactai.com).

### Bible study

The Randolph Officers' Christian Fellowship Bible Study group hosts weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

For location directions, call Capt. Bethany Glenn at 833-7373.

### New hours

The Deployment Center is open from 6 a.m. to noon on Fridays until further notice to conduct inventory.

For more information, call 652-6787.

# Thunderbirds to kick off Superbowl XLI

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Air Force's elite demonstration squadron, the "Thunderbirds," will help kick off Super Bowl XLI in Miami with a flyover of Dolphin Stadium on Feb. 4, 2007.

The team's six red, white and blue F-16 fighter jets will roar over in their signature six-ship Delta formation at the conclusion of the National Anthem. The aircraft will fly over at about 500 feet and 450 miles per hour.

"We are honored to participate in the Super Bowl, especially this year, as the United States Air Force commemorates our 60th Anniversary," said Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, Thunderbird Commander. The fly-over is just one of many events the Thunderbirds will participate in during 2007 to commemorate the United States Air Force's six decades of air and space power.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit composed of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and approximately 120 enlisted Airmen performing in more than 25 career specialties.

"Our job is to represent the thousands of Airmen who serve their country on a daily basis, including the more than 25,000 fighting on the front lines in the Global War on Terror," said Robbins.



The Super Bowl is the nation's highest-rated TV program annually. According to the NFL, more than 141 million viewers in the U.S. tuned in to last year's game. Super Bowl XLI will be broadcast to a potential worldwide audience of one billion in more than 230 countries and territories.

Background information on the Thunderbirds is available on the Web at: [www.airforce.com/thunderbirds](http://www.airforce.com/thunderbirds).

Media requesting more information or interviews should contact Capt. Elizabeth Kreft of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Public Affairs Office at 702-652-2984 or 702-378-7950 or at [elizabeth.kreft@nellis.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.kreft@nellis.af.mil).



## Combat medal

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Combat Action Medal, said Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"There are people coming under enemy fire, but we do not have an Air Force way to recognize the reality of their experience," General Brady said. "So General Moseley has asked us to develop an appropriate recognition, a combat medal, and we have done that."

To develop criteria for the award and to get a better understanding of what Airmen were looking for in combat recognition, the Air Force consulted with combat-experienced Airmen.

"We gathered feedback from Airmen; active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve members who've been in combat (in the air and on the surface) - some who've received combat recognition from other services, and some who haven't," said Maj.

Randall Smith, chief of the Air Force uniforms and recognition branch. "Their feedback was critical in ensuring the recognition we developed met General Moseley's requirements. We also heard from Air Force senior leadership, both officer and enlisted."

General Moseley often meets with Airmen in the field and has frequently called a variety of Airmen to Washington to sit down with him - to get their personal feedback and input.

"It is important to hear the opinion of Airmen about the AFCAM because the medal is a reflection of the warfighting culture of the United States Air Force and everything we hold dear," said General Moseley.

General Brady said the AFCAM will be unveiled sometime in April. Then, as part of the unveiling ceremony, some Airmen will be awarded the new medal. At that time, the Air Force will begin to process additional applications for the award.

The AFCAM is for Airmen that have directly participated in active combat, either in the air or on the ground, as part of their official duty. Airmen serving as

a crew member on a C130 providing key support to Coalition forces or Airmen serving as a convoy escort operation that takes fire, for instance, would be eligible to apply for the award.

"This is for people who are in combat as a part of their duty," General Brady said. "If you are walking across the base at Balad and you are injured by a mortar, you will likely get the Purple Heart. You may even get a Bronze Star, depending on your performance in your duties. But that scenario would not lead to the award of the AFCAM."

Airman will wear the AFCAM on the mess dress uniform. The ribbon for the AFCAM can be worn on the blue or service dress uniform. These uniforms are usually worn for ceremonies or other duties where it is appropriate to highlight individual achievements. There will be no patch or badge equivalent for wear on the utility uniforms worn for daily duties and deployments; the emphasis in these cases is better placed on the mission and the team, above self.

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Foundation. "When you go inside you will see the most modern, advanced and unique training and rehabilitation center devoted to the advancement of the science and art of prosthetic rehabilitation and care for burn victims. The Center for the Intrepid has no equal anywhere...because the men and women who fight for our freedom have no equal as well."

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter M. Pace told the crowd of injured service members that their efforts were by no means in vain.

"There are those who speak about you who say, 'he lost an arm, he lost a leg, she lost her sight.. I object. You gave your arm. You gave your leg. You gave your sight. As gifts to your nation. That we might live in freedom. Thank you. And to your families. Families of the fallen and families of the wounded. You sacrificed in ways that those of us who have not walked in your shoes can only imagine."

Senator Hillary Clinton summed up the tie of Intrepid as a name for the center that applies to our wounded warriors today much as the USS Intrepid healed Americans more than 65 years ago.

"Intrepid is an example of how our country came together after a devastating attack on Pear Harbor. The keel of the Intrepid was laid one week after Pear Harbor. An attack that devastated our navy and shocked our country. And, the Intrepid was our first answer. To show the enemy that they have damaged our ships, but not our spirits. We are here again to celebrate once again that spirit. To thank our wounded warriors and their families for their devotion to duty..honor..country that their lives exemplify. We know that for many of our wounded warriors there will be a challenging road ahead. This center stands as that pledge: A solemn pledge of the healing and support our nation owes every one of you." (AFNEWS)

My Biz, My Workplace

New virtual human resource tools available to DoD civilians

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Randolph Department of Defense civilian employees, supervisors and managers can now access vital resource information tools known as "My Biz" and "My Workplace" with the click of a button.

My Biz, which is designed for civilian employees, is a self-service human resources module that allows individuals access to their official personnel records and the ability to make certain updates at their work station. My Workplace allows civilian and military managers and supervisors access to information about their employees.

"Many civilian employees are confused by these resources," said Brenda McCain, 12th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel officer. "They think it's only for those employees who fall under the National Security Personnel System, but that's not the case.

"While one of the main selling

points is the performance appraisal application option, which makes it easy for NSPS employees and rating officials to exchange information throughout the performance management lifecycle, there are lots of other capabilities that benefit all civilian employees."

Through My Biz, civilians can track their promotions, salary, benefits, awards, bonuses and performance information. People can also make updates to their work information, disability codes, race and national origin identification and foreign language proficiency.

"This is especially important since My Biz is associated with My Workplace, where many supervisors are accessing information on their employees," said Ms. McCain.

As of last week, the Office of the Secretary of Defense reported that only 16 percent of all DOD employees have accessed their My Biz accounts. This equals about 108,000 out of 659,000 civilians. In addition, only about 4,000 have recorded a language capability.

"These numbers are really sad

considering how important these resources are," said Ms. McCain.

My Workplace is also of great value to Randolph civilian and military supervisors and managers of civilians, she said. It gives them the ability to view their employee's personal information, establish performance plans and provide feedback and appraise employee performance.

It also lets supervisors and managers know if there are any actions awaiting their attention such as a performance crossfeed from one of their employees, she said.

"There is never a more critical time than now for all DOD civilians to create an account and update their information on My Biz and My Workplace, especially those who fall under NSPS," said Ms. McCain. "People should always utilize the tools available to them."

For more details, visit the My Biz and My Workplace homepage at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mybiz>. Access is restricted to .mil and .gov domains.



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African American History Month events scheduled

The Randolph Air Force Base Black Cultural Awareness Association has scheduled the following events in observance of African American History Month in February.

**Feb. 9** - African American History Month Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the enlisted club. The guest speaker is Col. Ramon Noches (retired).

For details, call Ms. Diana Lockridge at 652-3156.

**Feb. 11** - Gospel Fest, 3 p.m. in Chapel 2.

For details, call Maj. Melissa Lacey at 652-4109.

**Feb. 16** - 70s Party, 9 p.m. at the enlisted club.

For details, call Master Sgt. Glen Watkins at 652-3491.

**Feb. 23** - Golf tournament, 12:30 p.m. at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Profits from the tournament go to the Black Cultural Awareness Association Scholarship Program.

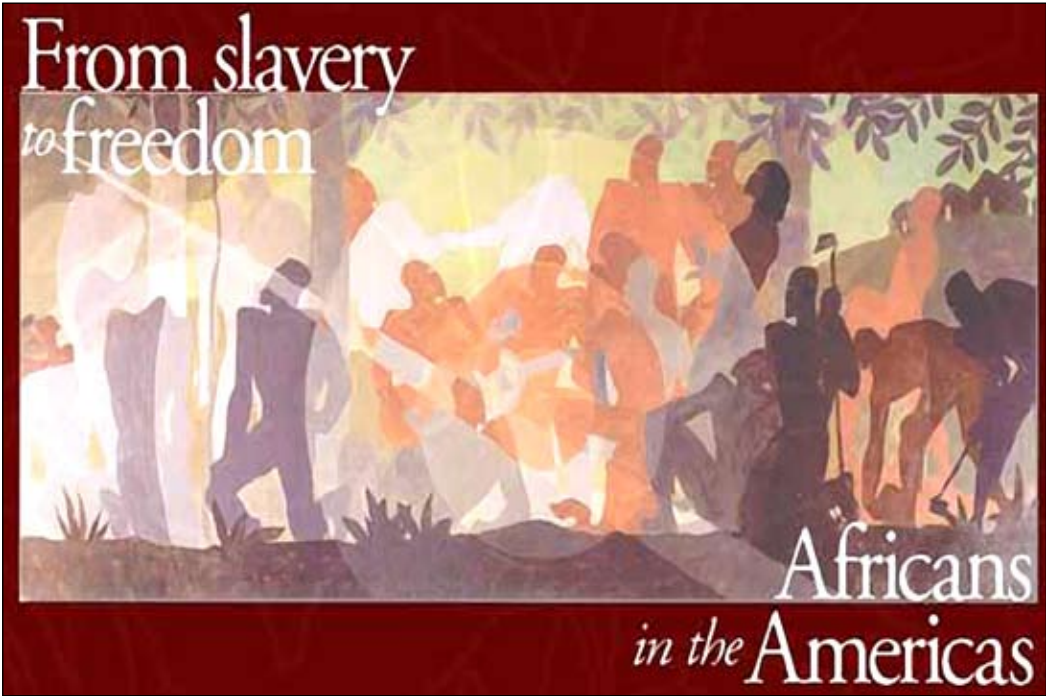
For details, call Chief Master Sgt. Daryl Hamilton at 652-4776 or Tech. Sgt. Wanda Simpson at 652-1218.

**Feb. 24** - Fashion show, 7 p.m. at the officers' club.

For details, call Capt. Kimberly Wallace at 565-0577.

**Feb. 28** - Fitness and nutrition 5K Walk/Run, 7:30 a.m. at Eberle Park.

For details, call Tech Sgt. Yolanda Cole at 565-4963.



MOVIES

Randolph  
Movie Theater

652-3278

Adults - \$3.50

Children (11 yrs. and under) \$1.75

"The Pursuit of Happyness"  
Saturday and Sunday – noon  
Will and Jaden Smith, Thandie Newton  
Rated PG-13, 113 mins

When a single father of a five-year-old son gets evicted from his apartment, he finds himself alone with his son in San Francisco and no place to go. Forced to live in shelters, enduring many hardships as he goes, he refuses to let it dampen his spirits as he pursues his dream of security.

"Children of Men"  
Saturday – 3 p.m.  
Clive Owen, Julianne Moore  
Rated R, 114 mins

Children of Men is set in a world one generation from now that has fallen into anarchy on the heels of an infertility defect in the population. The world's youngest citizen has just died at 18, and humankind is facing the likelihood of its own extinction.

" We Are Marshall"  
Sunday – 3 p.m.  
Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox  
Rated PG, 127 mins

A drama depicting events following the 1970 plane crash that killed members of the West Virginia-based Marshall football team, along with most of its coaching staff, sports commentators and many of its local boosters.





Two hundred fifty pieces of new equipment



12,000-square-foot cardio and strength training area

# Staying ‘Fit to Fight’

State-of-the-art facility boasts 78,000 square feet of fitness heaven, named after 1944 Randolph football team that played in Cotton Bowl



Photos by Melissa Peterson

By Staff Sgt Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs  
and Steve Knechtel  
12th Services Division

After more than two years of construction, the new state-of-the-art \$13.9 million Rambler Fitness Center opens for business today after a special ceremony at 10 a.m.

The opening day festivities, which begin with the unveiling of the dedication plaque and ribbon cutting ceremony, include various contests and prize giveaways, an aerobathon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., equipment demonstrations, guided tours, juice bar samples and a special “Chiefs and Eagles” volleyball tournament between the 12th Flying Training Wing and mission partners at 3 p.m.

“Randolph men and women have never had a facility dedicated solely to fitness until now,” said Randy Harris, 12th Services Division Combat Support Flight chief. “We are very excited and honored to be able to present them with such an amazing facility.”

In all, the new center features a 12,000 square foot cardiovascular and strength training room with more than 250 pieces of new equipment, 20,000 square foot main gym with two pro-sized basketball and volleyball courts, 4,700 square foot health and wellness center, an eighth of a mile cushioned indoor track, 24-foot climbing wall, three racquetball courts, four exercise rooms, a spinning class room, massage therapy room, family exercise room, juice bar and men’s and women’s locker rooms.

“This major construction project has enabled us to move out of the two pre-World War II hangars with painted windows into an unbelievable



\$198,000 audiovisual system for cardio equipment



One-eighth-mile cushioned indoor track



78,000 square foot technologically-advanced fitness facility,” said Mr. Harris. “I don’t think Randolph men and women could have imagined a better fitness center.”

The new center also includes a \$198,000 audiovisual package that links more than 100 TV monitors and personal viewing screens attached to the cardio equipment. In addition, special software allows cross-marketing of 12th Services Division activities on five dedicated monitors within the facility, said Mr. Harris.

Another key feature to the new facility is the staff’s ability to centrally monitor the audio visual system and security cameras (located throughout the facility) from the customer service control center, he said. From a desktop computer, workers can provide immediate, facility-wide weather or security alerts that override all the AV and PVS equipment.

“This is truly the best fitness facility in the Air Force and I see it becoming a benchmark for fitness center operations around the globe,” Mr. Harris said.

While parking was a concern at the previous facility, the new center offers 175 parking spaces including side streets. The old lemon lot across the street between Grater and Rambler Fields is also available to customers for parking in addition to another parking lot southwest of the building.

The base officially broke ground for the Rambler Fitness Center, located on H Street and First Street East, across from the Air Education and Training Command Lahm Conference Center, on Nov. 19, 2004. Since then, the 12th Services Division staff and the Randolph community have anxiously awaited its completion.

“It’s been a long time coming, but it’s definitely worth the wait,” said Terry Heagerty, 12th

Services Division director. “I am extremely proud and pleased to be able to provide this vastly improved level of service to the Randolph community.”

The fitness center’s hours of operation will remain the same as in the old facility: Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The facility is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders.

The new center’s name derives from the legendary Army Air Force Randolph Rambler football team that tied the University of Texas Longhorns 7-7 in 1944. The sole surviving member of the base team, Walter Parker, is a special guest at today’s ceremony.



Men’s and women’s saunas



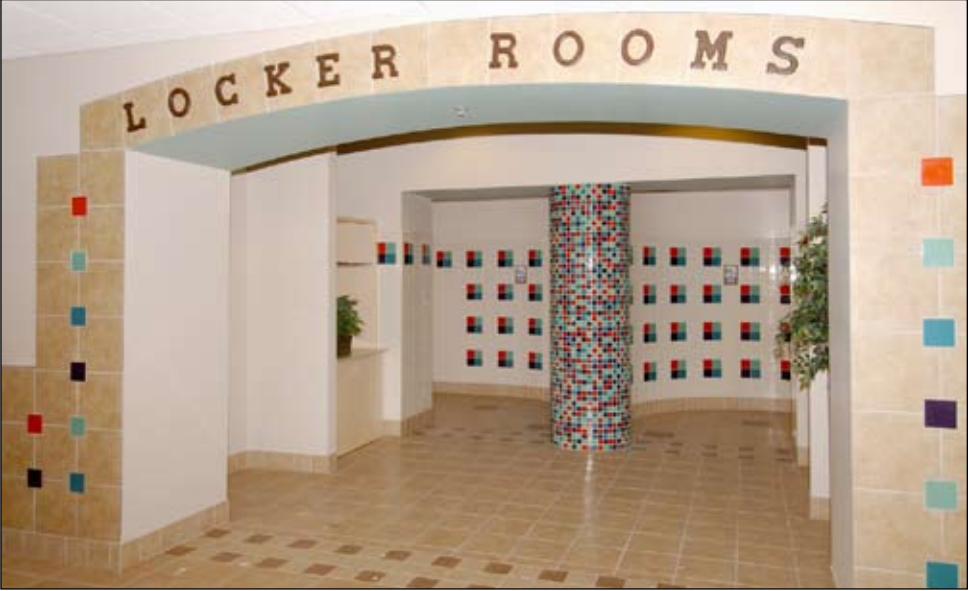
20,000-square-foot main gym with professional-sized courts



Children’s area with workout equipment



Large juice bar with extra seating



Men’s and women’s locker rooms with saunas



Four hundred ninety lockers equipped with digital locks



Community & Services

BRIEFS

EDUCATION CENTER - 652-5964

ACSC enrollment

The Air Command and Staff College has changed both enrollment and testing procedures as of Jan. 1. Enrollment in ACSC is now online at <https://ausis.maxwell.af.mil/>. Call 652-5964 or e-mail [randolph.education@randolph.af.mil](mailto:randolph.education@randolph.af.mil) to schedule a test.

ACCD

Registration is ongoing in Building 208 or online at [www.accd.edu/spc](http://www.accd.edu/spc) for the spring 2007 Flex II classes starting March 19. For more information, call Cindy Rose at 659-1096.

ERAU

The Embry Riddle Aeronautical University office is closed Feb. 19, but classes will meet as scheduled. For more information, call 659-0801.

MISCELLANEOUS

Auction

The 12th Services Division is accepting sealed bids today through Feb. 9 on a karaoke video system and a juke box. For viewing information, call Marilyn Gove at 210-652-3056.

Chess tournament

A Randolph Championship Chess Tournament takes place March 3 at 9 a.m. at the enlisted club. The tournament is open to all active duty, dependents, DoD civilian, contractors and retirees. Deadline to sign up is noon on March 2. For details, call Sharon Rector at 652-6508.

POV resale lot

The POV resale lot has been relocated to E Street West, at the cross roads of E Street West and 5th Street West across from Bldg 663.

ENLISTED CLUB - 652-3056

Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party takes place Sunday at the enlisted club. A tailgate party starts at noon on the Nite Club patio including \$1.50 grilled hot dogs or a \$3.50 burger, with discounted drinks until 5 p.m. Gil's Pub grill menu will be available. Light hors d'oeuvres will be offered at half time.

Love and laugh

The enlisted club hosts a concert and comedy show Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the ballroom. Grammy award winning rhythm and blues singer Tony Terry and comedian Kevin Anthony will perform. The cost for advance reservations is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. For reservations, call 652-3056.

Valentine's Day event

The enlisted club hosts a Valentine's Day event Feb. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to midnight in the Nite Club. Customers can participate in contests for prizes.

Steak dinner

The enlisted club offers a steak dinner special Feb.

Recycling ring



**Stella Rodriguez, Randolph recycling coordinator, and Frank Stark, 12th Communications Squadron, inventory government issued cell phones turned in for recycling. The recycling program accepts both personal and government issued cell phones. Information must first be deleted from the phones and pagers before being turned in. For more information, call Mr. Stark at 652-2316.**

15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$22.95 for non members and \$20.95 for members. Call the club for reservations for tables of four or more.

INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL - 652-5640

Kinder trip

Customers can sign up for a gambling trip to Kinder, Louisiana March 20-21. Cost is \$49 and includes round trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, dinner buffet, and a tour guide. The bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day. Customers can sign up at the ITT office.

Flea market reschedule

The Information, Tickets and Tours office has rescheduled the flea market for Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Randolph Clinic parking lot. Customers can rent one six-foot table for \$15, additional tables are \$3, to sell used items. For more information, call 652-5640.

OFFICERS' CLUB - 652-4864

Super Bowl

The Auger Inn will show the Super Bowl Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. There will be free giveaways, complimentary snacks, and drink specials. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Valentine's Day event

The officers' club hosts a dinner and dance on Feb. 14. Cocktails will be served from 6 - 7 p.m.; a buffet from 7 - 9 p.m.; and the Loretta Cormier Band will

perform from 6 - 10 p.m. The cost is \$63 per couple for members and \$68 per couple for non members. Reservations are required.

Dinner theater

The officers' club, in conjunction with the Officers' Wives Club and Dial-a-Murder Mysteries of Texas will be hosting Murder at Maggie's Speakeasy on March 3 in the ballroom. Cocktails will start at 6 p.m. and dinner and the show at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale Monday for members and Feb. 12 for non members. The cost is \$30 per person for members and \$35 for nonmembers. For more information, call 658-7445.

Kids night out

The officers' club hosts a Mardi Gras buffet Feb. 10 from 6-8 p.m. Children 12 and younger eat free. Entertainment and goody bags will be given to the children. The cost is \$7.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers 13 years of age and older. For more information, call 652-4864.

Prime rib dinner

The officers' club hosts Prime Time Night every Friday with prime rib dinner from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday brunch

A Sunday brunch is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday at the officers' club.

YOUTH CENTER - 652-3298

Aviation camp

The Air Force is hosting 2007 Teen Aviation Camp June 2-7 in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Camp is open to eligible high school students who have completed their freshman or sophomore year in 2007. This program is for teens who would like to explore the U.S. Air Force Academy as a possible choice for college. Teens participate in a variety of outdoor and classroom activities at the six-day camp. Scheduled activities include piloting an aircraft, flight simulator training, wilderness orienteering, horseback riding and swimming. Applications are available at the youth center and must be returned by March 9. For more information, call Chris Fussell or Raymond Chase at 652-2088 or e-mail [christine.fussell@randolph.af.mil](mailto:christine.fussell@randolph.af.mil) or [Raymond.chase@randolph.af.mil](mailto:Raymond.chase@randolph.af.mil).

Leadership camp

An outdoor adventure leadership camp will be held at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension 4-H Conference Center in Little Rock, Ark. June 24-29. Family members of active duty military, retirees, DoD civilians and active duty Air National Guard and AF Reserve members may apply. The camp offers teens ages 13-18 canoeing, hiking, camping, swimming, archery and other exciting activities. Round-trip transportation, lodging, meals activities are funded. Applications are available at the youth center and must be returned by March 9. For more information, call Chris Fussell or Raymond Chase at 652-2088 or e-mail [christine.fussell@randolph.af.mil](mailto:christine.fussell@randolph.af.mil) or [Raymond.chase@randolph.af.mil](mailto:Raymond.chase@randolph.af.mil).



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